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FOR MRS. BETTY LUDWIG
6145 MIDNIGHT PASS ROAD
BOX 45
SARASOTA FLORIDA 33581

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CDES
SUBJECT: DEATH OF HAROLD LUDWIG

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF YOUR HUSBAND, HAROLD LUDWIG. THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF THE GENERAL PENITENTIARY INFORMED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT KINGSTON, JAMAICA ON APR. 2, 1978 OF HIS DEATH OF UNDETERMINED CAUSE ON APR. 2, 1978 IN THE KINGSTON PUBLIC HOSPITAL.
2. YOUR HUSBAND HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF THE GENERAL PENITENTIARY.
3. AN AUTOPSY IS MANDATORY UNDER JAMAICAN LAW. THE EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN INFORMED AS TO WHEN THIS MAY BE COMPLETED.
4. THE EMBASSY WILL TAKE CHARGE OF HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS AND WILL WRITE TO YOU CONCERNING THEIR DISPOSITION.
5. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO

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MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES LOCAL BURIAL OR THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR SHIPMENT PROMPTLY. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR HUSBAND'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO SARASOTA, FLORIDA WOULD COST J\$670. CREMATION AND SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO U.S. WOULD COST J\$400. IF LOCAL

BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE COST IS J\$400. THE COST OF CREMATION AND LOCAL BURIAL IS J\$600. ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

6. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

(A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, KINGSTON, JAMAICA AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT DESIRED. ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS MAY BE MADE BY THE FUNERAL HOME DIRECT TO THE FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IN JAMAICA.

7. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS, YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU, UPON RECEIPT OF PROOF OF HIS U.S. CITIZENSHIP FROM THE GENERAL PENITENTIARY IN KINGSTON.

8. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS POST BY PHONING 929-4850 IN KINGSTON. BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.
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9. IDENTICAL MESSAGE SENT ROBERT LUDWIG 102700 ELLIOT, EL MONTE, CALIF. 213-444-3802.

AMERICAN EMBASSY
KINGSTON JAMAICA
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